

## Workshop Descriptions

*(Arranged Alphabetical by Title)*

### **A Culturally Competent Approach to Working with Victims from Polygamist Communities**

Although there are estimates of 50,000 to 80,000 polygamists throughout the United States, relatively little is known about these families and communities. The social construction of this target population serves to isolate, insulate, and radicalize members, driving them underground and increasing the likelihood of exploitation of the vulnerable. This training will examine the incidence of criminal activity within the sects and predation on the members who venture from the protection of the group while covering best practices for providers working with those from plural families and communities.

### **A Multi-dimensional Approach to Resilience Building and Wellness for Victim Services Professionals**

Victim services professionals, like their counterparts in other social services professions, are exposed to the pain and suffering of others and are at significant risk for experiencing negative effects of their work. The FBI's Victim Services Division (VSD) recognizes a duty to care for employees whose jobs involve repeated exposure to the often extreme suffering of others. This workshop presents the FBI's VSD Clinical Services Program as one model for how agencies can use a multi-disciplinary approach to resilience-building and wellness. During the workshop, participants will plan their own preliminary multidisciplinary plan for resilience building and wellness for victim services professionals.

### **A Quantum Leap Forward: Comprehensive Services for Crime Victims**

Government budgets across the U.S. are extremely squeezed today. However, providing crime victims with services that they are entitled to receive is important to the safety, health, and welfare of your community, because becoming a crime victim has no economic boundaries. Helping crime victims through the law enforcement and court process maze, in addition to helping connect them to resources is essential. Learn how to build your own Community Crime Victims' Service program in today's scant local and state government economies.

## **Achieving Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault by Medical Professionals and Massage Therapists**

The prevalence of sexual violence against patients is occurring with alarming frequency and is often overlooked. Survivors of this type of abuse often suffer from significant trauma given the position of trust. This presentation will focus on achieving justice for survivors through the civil legal process who have been sexually assaulted by doctors, optometrists, therapists and massage therapists. This presentation will also present a team approach to empowering survivors from the perspective of the lawyer and paralegal.

## **ATF's NIBIN Program: Using Cutting Edge Technology to Bring Justice to Crime Victims**

The ATF's NIBIN system, a collection of digital ballistic images of spent shell casings recovered from crime scenes and from crime gun test-fires, is being used to identify shooters to create safer communities and bring justice for victims of violent crime. Its mission is to reduce gun violence through evidence-based targeting, investigations, and prosecution of shooters and their sources of crime guns. The presentation will provide an overview of the ATF NIBIN Program and its ability to assist investigators in identifying the perpetrators of violent gun crime and bring justice to victims.

## **Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Crime Victims**

During this workshop, presenters will provide an overview of forms of relief available for immigrant crime victims and their communities. Faculty will discuss best practices and address questions regarding challenges law enforcement and prosecutors encounter when working with victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes within their community. Presenters will provide tools and resources on VAWA confidentiality, U/T visa relief, and DHS training materials. Participants will leave the training with access to NIWAP's web library, online webinars, new research on immigrant crime victims' protections against deportation, and a technical assistance call line for help working with immigrant and LEP crime victims.

## **Broadening Our Perspective to Include the Native LGBT/2S Community into Victim Services**

This interactive workshop is designed to increase the understanding of the Native lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and two-spirit (LGBT/2S) community to help service providers be more responsive, understanding, compassionate, and inclusive in their work with Native LGBT/two-spirit survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence. It will provide insight on historical trauma, terms, definitions, and relationship dynamics as related to the Native LGBT/two-spirit community.

### **Capacity-building for Mass Casualty Crime Incident Response**

Although disaster service agencies are best known for their comprehensive response to natural and manmade disasters, they have recently had to adapt their response to mass casualty crime incidents. While these agencies play an important role, there is an increased need for crime victim service providers to also engage in this response. To effectively engage, providers must have an understanding of the disaster response structure, including the language, policies, and practice. The Victim Services Division of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office will inform participants on identifying response gaps, building public and private partnerships, and establishing themselves as an integral part of the response to mass casualty crime incidents.

### **CASE WORKSHOP 4:00- 5:30 PM**

Closed Session for NCVBA Members Only

### **Children Exposed to Violence - Community Policing Actions to Assist Childhood Victims from Becoming Future Victims or Offenders**

Adverse childhood experiences, such as physical/sexual abuse and exposure to domestic violence, will have an impact on a child's overall life, including his/her likelihood of becoming a domestic violence offender, becoming a victim, or becoming drug-dependent. In 2010, the Gloucester Township Police Department launched a new policing strategy entitled "3rd Gear Policing," which addresses children who suffer from these adverse childhood experiences. The strategy included the development and launch of a screen tool for runaway children, as appropriately handling runaway youth can identify young people that are being abused or have witnessed domestic violence. Presenters will educate participants about the assessment tool and its components.

### **Civil Remedies for Elder Abuse: Lessons Learned from Elder Justice Americorps Fellows**

The Elder Justice AmeriCorps fellows have been providing civil legal services to victims of elder abuse for the past two years. Learn the value of civil legal assistance for victims of elder abuse and how to access those services to benefit older clients.

### **Collaborative Responses to Elder Financial Exploitation**

Participants will learn how collaborations in elder financial exploitation are changing how professionals respond to financial crimes against older adults and how to replicate these programs in their communities.

### **Compassion and Dignity When Declining Representation**

Prospective clients contact lawyers seeking legal help, but also because they need to be heard. The act of calling or visiting a law firm takes courage. An experienced lawyer can, however, often determine within seconds if they can help a prospective client. An attorney may hastily explain an SOL or "sovereign immunity" or some other obtuse legal concept and then end the meeting or get off the phone. The lawyer will frequently follow this interaction up with a letter. But lawyers do not consider the psychological impact that rejecting a case has on the person seeking help. The prospective client frequently feels foolish or embarrassed for "wasting" a lawyer's time. This negative contact with the legal system perpetuates feelings of disenfranchisement with the establishment. Small tweaks to the lawyer's attitude and nomenclature in rejecting cases can leave prospective clients feeling empowered even if their case is rejected.

### **Courageous Spirits - Healing Heart**

Findings from the Department of Justice reveal a disturbing picture of the victimization of American Indians, and violence against Native women is at a crisis stage on reservations and in urban communities. This workshop will identify the historical and traditional ways that sexual violence was addressed in societies prior to colonization and current intersecting racism that impacts safety and health in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations. Participants will learn appropriate interventions to create awareness to eliminate discrimination and racism, how to improve their comprehension of historical and current trauma and the impact of intergenerational grief, and how to honor American Indian/Alaska Native resiliency and the power of healing it provides.

### **Developing an Advocacy Team to Respond to Violence on Campuses**

Violence on campuses is an increasingly visible reality in the United States with school shootings occurring once per week, on average. Fortunately these

catastrophic events are relatively rare, but other school violence occurs daily on campuses and at school-sponsored events. The prevalence of violent crime, bullying/cyberbullying, and the problem of underreported sexual assault and human trafficking has been supported by statistics. It is important that victim service advocates have augmented skills for addressing the effects of childhood trauma, protocols and procedures for working effectively with school-related violence victims of crime, and best practices for supporting staff who respond to these events. This workshop will also cover principles of the cycle of trauma, trauma-informed care, and secondary trauma.

### **Developing Competencies and Skills Around People with Invisible Disabilities in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases**

Presenters will give a general overview of disability and its social context, focusing on invisible disability. The workshop will then turn to think about disability in the context of the courtroom in domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

### **Divorce in Florida for Survivors of Domestic Violence**

practices, resources, forms for the pro se filer and how domestic violence may impact a divorce. Information about divorce in later life will be included along with a discussion of special considerations for later in life divorce and relocation.

### **Domestic Violence had no Age Limits**

Generally, our society views domestic violence as a crime which occurs to younger adults in intimate partner relationships; however, domestic violence also occurs to and is perpetrated by older adults, and not just in intimate partner situations. This presentation will discuss ways to identify cases of domestic violence in later life and the poly-victimization that occurs within these relationships. We will discuss unique barriers adults in later life face and techniques for assisting later life victims.

### **Domestic Violence Trial Considerations**

This session will include innovative practices for law enforcement officers and prosecutors to gather critical information used in evidence-based prosecution and explore ways to alleviate the unique challenges facing prosecutors in domestic violence cases. Participants will gain an understanding of the process of prosecution from the arrest through post-conviction.

### **Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams: Essential Elements for Success**

The presenter will discuss the components required to start an elder abuse multidisciplinary team in your community and will give tips for sustainability.

### **Elder Justice Advocate Project: Supporting Older Victims of Crime**

The Elder Justice Advocate Project seeks to improve outcomes for victims of elder abuse by establishing a network of elder justice advocates throughout upstate New York who will guide and support older victims of abuse through the complexities of the criminal justice system.

### **Equipping Allied Organizations to Help Young Men of Color Heal: Training Frontline Staff to Engage Help**

This workshop will discuss the HealingWorks staff-focused trauma training based on best practices learned from local work in New York City and collaborations with national healing organizations. The trainings equip allied organizations with the culturally attuned and trauma-informed training skills necessary to better engage young men of color who often do not realize that they have been traumatized. The workshop will summarize how our staff-focused training offers a historical context and a gender and racial analysis that allows staff/practitioners to see and acknowledge young men of color as traumatized individuals and support their healing. Presenters will share lessons learned and strategies for partnering with organizations that work with young men of color while highlighting how to locate, engage, and educate organizational staff.

### **Ethical and Legal Issues in Elder Abuse**

Participants will learn about the practical ethics in working with older adult victims, the legal issues that mire the field, and the policy implications of both to enhance response to elder abuse.

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### **Finding Creative Solutions for Funding Elder Abuse Programs**

A fundamental frustration in the field of elder abuse is insufficient funding. In this workshop, presenters will discuss various funding opportunities for elder abuse programs and how multidisciplinary teams from two communities creatively tackled the sustainability issue.

## **Taking Action**

Millions of Americans become victims of financial crimes each year. This workshop describes the accessible, victim-centered approaches at the heart of “Taking Action: An Advocate’s Guide to Assisting Victims of Financial Fraud.” Participants will learn step-by-step strategies for addressing four major types of financial crime: identity theft, investment fraud, mortgage and lending fraud, and mass marketing scams. Participants will gain foundational knowledge on these four major fraud types, will learn about their role as advocates for victims experiencing financial crime, and will identify concrete action steps and resources available to victims.

## **How Can You DO This Work In Tribal Communities? By Building Resiliency**

Regardless of role, secondary trauma of seeing and hearing victims’ experiences can have a disturbing effect on both professionals and their families. In this lively and interactive workshop, a retired FBI Victim Specialist will share her experience responding to trauma in tribal communities and non-tribal critical incidents. Participants will learn practical and effective steps to build resiliency in themselves, their program, their staff, and their volunteers.

## **How Organizations Can Respond to Secondary Trauma: Developing Trauma-informed Human Resources Policy and Procedures**

Secondary trauma can regularly occur in occupations such as child welfare workers, case managers, therapists, and other helping professionals that require hearing firsthand traumatic experiences. While organizations frequently acknowledge this as an issue, they frequently do not have the resources to provide support. Human resources, which is often the place of intersection between advocating for employees and upholding organizational standards, can find itself in the crossroads of meeting these needs. This workshop will evaluate traditional human resource policy and procedures and educate participants on a framework for responding to employees who are experiencing secondary trauma.

### **Improving Collaboration Between Victim Services & APS**

The presenters will explain why relationships between victim services and adult protective services can be contentious and how the groups can work effectively and collaboratively together.

### **Innovative Uses of VOCA funds in Housing Assistance for Survivors of Domestic Violence**

Since OVC released the VOCA Final Rule in August 2016, many states have put their VOCA funds to use in a variety of ways to ensure safe housing for survivors of domestic violence. This workshop will highlight the many possible ways in which VOCA funds can be used to prevent homelessness, enable housing stability, and support victims to address related needs and will feature promising practices from various states, including current research that demonstrates the efficacy of this approach. Presenters from the Domestic Violence Housing Technical Assistance Consortium will give a national overview of the intersection of domestic violence and homelessness, as well as specific applications for victim assistance to address survivors' housing stability and safety.

### **Integrating the 'Big Picture' into your Training Curriculum**

Victim service providers design countless training curricula each year, but “big” picture topics are often overlooked. The role of the victim rights movement and cultural competency are foundational to the field but are routinely left out of topic focused/subject matter training programs. When taught, such topics tend to be included as stand-alone components rather than integrated into the specific focus. Members of the State Victim Assistance Academy Resource Center community will discuss the importance of big picture focus areas and how to incorporate them into training materials. The discussion will also include thoughts on retention of high-quality trainers.

### **Investigating Financial Exploitation - New York's FEIST-y New Approach**

This workshop will introduce a new approach to investigating financial exploitation being piloted by NYS Office of Children & Family Services, Bureau of Adult Services in urban and rural counties through a grant from the Administration for Community Living. Tools developed under the grant assist case workers with interviewing clients; collecting records; analyzing bank and investment accounts; and successfully referring cases to guardianship court, law

enforcement, forensic accountants, MDTs, and other community resources. These tools will be shared with participants.

### **Law Enforcement Response: Approaching your Work with a Trauma-Informed Lens**

Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault have experienced a traumatic event, potentially multiple traumatic events. Being Trauma-Informed involves realizing the prevalence of trauma, recognizing the impact of trauma, and responding in a manner that is appropriate. This session will explore the science of traumatic memory and how to best access this information using trauma-informed interviewing.

### **Law Enforcement's Role in Supporting Crime Victim Access to Compensation**

about financial assistance programs. This support can help victims heal, be better prepared to participate in the criminal justice system, and contribute to long term community policing efforts. In this workshop, we will discuss available resources for improving law enforcement's knowledge and understanding of crime victim compensation programs in their states as well as real-world examples of doing so. Whether you work in a law enforcement agency or with one, join us to learn about helping law enforcement better support and increase the number of victims who are informed about victim compensation.

### **Leading with Healing: Men of Color and Trauma**

The Center for Survivor Justice is a one-stop shop that aims to transform the crime victims' field by identifying, connecting with, and meeting the needs of underserved survivors. Members from the Center's working group focusing on men of color will hold a panel discussion that will highlight information gathered from their listening tour of the victim services' field, best practices from their professional work, and insights derived from their own personal experiences as male survivors of color. This workshop will also review the historical traumas experienced by men of color, their normal reactions to trauma, and strategies to enhance healing and supportive services.

### **Making Meaning of the Madness: Being Mindful of Secondary Trauma**

The victim services field offers many opportunities for personal satisfaction and growth, but if a provider is not mindful of its impact, their health, well-being, and relationships can suffer. This workshop will function as a forum for participants to gain insight into the impact the work is having on them – positive and negative –

and explore strategies that can help them build their own resiliency. Participants are encouraged to bring a pen and an inquiring mind.

### **Managing Competing Interests in Multiple Beneficiary Wrongful Death Cases**

On July 19, 2015, Sam DuBose was pulled over by a University of Cincinnati police officer for a pretextual reason. Within minutes, Sam was dead, having been shot in the head by the young, overzealous officer. The prosecutor immediately held a press conference and called the death an indefensible murder. Sam left a mother and father who were never married and did not get along, half a dozen siblings and half -siblings who did not have the same interests, and 13 children by almost as many different women, ranging in age from two to early 20s. Mark O'Mara was hired to pursue the civil rights case by some of the family members over the objection of others. The case settled for \$4.85 million. Konrad Kircher was hired to administer the settlement through probate court. The presentation will describe the various challenges O'Mara and Kircher faced in pursuing justice.

### **Managing the Media During Litigation**

The presentation will discuss how to effectively handle the media in sexual assault cases. It will discuss tips from how to hold a press conference, to how to influence your jury pool. It will also provide tips on how to dress and speak.

### **Mass Shootings In America: Is The Solution Legislation or Litigation?**

Discussion of mass shooting problem, continuing disaster, what litigation has ensued thus far, past proposed legislation and future alternatives. The talk will address PLCAA and legislation in existence now that immunizes firearms manufacturers and sellers, as well as attempts to overcome the immunities (federal and state). Alternative theories and defendants will be discussed as well.

### **Meeting the Unique Needs of Polyvictimization Survivors in a Family Justice Center Setting**

This workshop will help professionals understand polyvictimization and the impact of adverse childhood experiences on the wellbeing of survivors. Presenters will explain the complexities of working with polyvictims and the importance of creating flexible, survivor-centered approaches to service delivery. Participants will learn about innovative and holistic programming for polyvictims at family justice/multi-agency centers and other similar cross-sector collaboratives.

### **myPlan: Using Technology to Empower Safety Decisions for Survivors, Concerned Friends, and Family**

Intimate partner violence is pervasive and has well-documented long-term effects. Yet the majority of survivors never access formal services, more often opting to disclose abuse to family or friends who often lack the knowledge and confidence to respond. myPlan is an interactive online safety decision aid that increases survivors' access to safety planning information for themselves, a friend, or a family member. Presenters will explain the theoretical background behind myPlan, discuss findings from the effectiveness evaluations, demonstrate the tool, and introduce the specified Campus Toolkit available for colleges to integrate myPlan into their existing safety efforts.

### **Myths Surrounding Arousal in Sexualized Violence Cases**

Arousal during sexual assault is possibly the most devastating aspect for the survivor, but is rarely discussed in literature and often not at all addressed clinically. Arousal leads to lower levels of reporting than typical for rape survivors due to prevailing myths of the implications of orgasm during an assault. Misunderstood in law enforcement and the judicial system, including juries, it creates further barriers to investigation, prosecution, and conviction of sexual assault. The presenter will dispel myths and prejudice towards these victims, discuss the neurobiology underlying fear and arousal, and provide investigators and prosecutors with tools and knowledge to turn the trauma of arousal into evidence supporting prosecution, versus viewing arousal as evidence of consent.

### **Navigating the Criminal Justice System: A Focus on Vulnerable Populations and Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities**

The Victim Services Unit (VSU) at the Kings County District Attorney's (KCDA) Office consists of advocates and counselors working collaboratively with Assistant District Attorneys to mitigate the re-traumatization that occurs within the criminal justice process. Project Shield is a program of KCDA which involves collaboration between the DA's Office, YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities, and the NYPD. This model works to facilitate more effective investigations and prosecutions of sex crimes and intimate partner violence involving individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. This workshop includes an overview of the progressive models of VSU and Project Shield, trauma-focused best practices in forensic interviewing, communication techniques when working with

individuals with disabilities, and advocacy and collaboration in the criminal justice system that can aid the prosecution of cases.

### **Negligent Hiring Cases - Common Misbeliefs and Mistakes by Employers**

This session is designed to help the litigator understand how negligent hiring cases are developed and what standards are applied to private sector employers. Information will be provided regarding the impact of EEOC guidelines, "ban the box" legislation and common industry practices relating to the types of background investigations conducted. Several common misbeliefs and mistakes made by employers will be discussed in detail. Recent case examples will be included in the program.

### **New Tax Law, Structured Settlements, & The Settlement Process**

The overarching focus of this presentation is on the settlement process, what plaintiffs must do and consider, what plaintiff's lawyers must do and consider, the plaintiff/victim psyche and how that impacts the settlement process and beyond. These issues all relate to the focus on the 3 main technical areas: 1) the taxation of settlements and verdicts with a focus on the new tax laws that everyone has been asking about (tax law re plaintiff's settlements, nondisclosure agreements and denial of defendant deduction, law firm taxes, and what to do); 2) the role of structured settlements and other settlement instruments; and 3) plaintiff lawyer obligations to their clients in the settlement process and malpractice concerns.

### **Opening Doors: Alternative Reporting Options for Law Enforcement and VAWA Forensic Compliance**

There is currently a welcome national trend emphasizing alternative reporting methods for sexual assault victims. It is partly the result of the forensic compliance provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which dramatically altered the options available for victims to report sexual assault to law enforcement. Yet implementing forensic compliance and alternative reporting methods requires addressing many complex issues regarding: evidence collection, storage, reporting methods, records retention, retrieval, and collaboration with hospitals and victim advocacy organizations. In this workshop, we explore community models to "open doors" to the criminal justice and community response systems for survivors. Best practices will be reviewed from across the country, and existing resources and tools will be evaluated. With a focus on local implementation, participants will leave prepared to make recommendations for positive change in their own communities.

### **Our Story, Our Truth: Women of Color's Sexual Assault Survivorship**

Sexual assault against women of color has historically been an attack not only on their female identities, but on their racial identities. Research indicates that women of color are often at an elevated risk of sexual assault and that their experiences are usually made more complex by race, socioeconomic status, and lack of culturally appropriate services. This workshop will connect the historical sexual assault of women of color and its implications for how society responds to women of color survivors today.

### **Project Connect – A Collaborative Approach for Improved Care for Sexual Assault Patients**

For many survivors of sexual and domestic violence, access to a provider or organization may be restricted due to the violence they are suffering. Health clinics often provide a vital link to community and can be a connection to support for victims of violence. Tribal Project Connect is a violence-prevention and response initiative that focuses on building and strengthening collaborations between the public health and the domestic and sexual violence fields. Health clinics and domestic and sexual violence advocacy organizations can partner to support a survivor by ensuring confidentiality and safety, creating awareness, and preventing violence. Participants will learn how collaboration can increase reach to victims and promote access to care for survivors.

### **Providing Meaningful and Effective Language Access: Where to Start**

This workshop will provide an overview of the ethical and legal rationale for providing meaningful access to services for survivors of crime. Presenters will provide the foundation and intent of the federal anti-discrimination laws as they relate to language access, and present and discuss practical tips for how to comply with these federal laws.

### **Racism: Breaking Silence, Unlocking the Gate**

While many victim service providers set out to deliver services within a social justice framework, little has been written about specific tools and strategies for bringing an anti-racist approach to our daily work with survivors. This workshop will share the process and learnings from a twelve-month exploration of this topic

by a leading victim service organization. Presenters will describe their experience in holding a series of client and staff focus groups on systemic racism in victim services, including specific strategies that made these groups successful.

### **Ratification – Holding Third Party Entities Vicariously Liable for Conduct after the Fact**

his presentation will focus on handling cases where there is limited notice prior to the abusive/assaultive incident and using “ratification after the fact” theories to hold third party entities vicariously liable for the acts of the perpetrator by their acquiescence or approval of the conduct after it has been committed. The restatement and its application in each state will be examined. Mr. Kent will show first hand examples of how he was able to show that the third party entities were vicariously liable for their conduct after the fact in the Father Andrew McCormick and Jerry Sandusky abuse cases.

### **Reaching More Victims: Working with Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Survivors of Harm**

The vast majority of people who serve time in our nation's prisons and jails were victims of some type of harm or abuse before conviction, and many experience further victimization while incarcerated. Because of their criminal records, many victim service providers are reluctant to view this underserved population as victims who deserve services, despite their lengthy victimization and trauma histories. In this panel discussion facilitated by staff from the Vera Institute of Justice, service providers will discuss their journeys towards working with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated survivors of harm and the importance of working with these populations.

### **Ready, Search, Find! CVR Library - A Practical Research Tool for the Busy Provider**

Providers want updated, victim-centered strategies and research to inform their decision-making, but such information is time consuming and expensive to find and apply. This workshop will introduce a new, specialized tool created to meet this need: the Center for Victim Research (CVR) Library collection. The CVR Library is the first ever opportunity for VOCA-funded programs to access, at no cost, a wealth of emerging research which is continually being updated. In one streamlined website, this collection includes study reports, peer-reviewed articles, quick fact sheets, audio interviews, and video trainings -- all based on practice-

informed research and evidence-based practices to help providers better serve crime victims.

During this workshop, the CVR Library staff will guide participants through creating successful search strategies and participants can put the CVR Library collection to work. Participants will also be able to share their own methods for keeping up with--and contributing to--the evolving evidence base for victim services. Participants will come away with new resources and contacts for finding practical research relevant to their program areas.

### **Representing Survivors of Abuse: Building Relationships and Effective Advocacy**

This presentation will provide a basic overview of the effects of trauma experienced by individuals who have been physically and sexually abused. It will focus on offering attorneys and advocates practical strategies to assist in building and maintaining trusting, strength-based, and collaborative client relationships, and providing competent advocacy in court. Some of the strategies to be discussed include: what types of questions to ask during interviews, what to look for in client community services, explaining survivor behavior to other court parties, and engaging non-legal professionals in the client's healing process. This presentation will look at trauma informed practices when working with children and adult trauma survivors in both criminal and civil proceedings.

### **Settlement Planning**

A deep dive into the intersection of all ethical issues surrounding the settlement of a catastrophic case involving a victim of crime. The program covers complex subrogation issues (Medicare, Medicaid, ERISA, disability, VA/Tricare), the preservation of critical public benefits in the future, cutting edge settlement planning tools and strategies as well as unique options for the tax deferent of contingent legal fees.

### **Sex-Trafficking: Developing Multi-stakeholder Collaborations**

Individuals who have been trafficked access and engage with numerous service providers, present diverse individual needs, and do not often disclose or self-identify as victims. Multi-stakeholder collaborations are a promising approach to supporting victims of sex trafficking. This workshop will delve into strategic partnership identification and development that can collaboratively address victim needs. Through discussion of resources, differences in frame and points of alignment, best practices in case management, and cross-referral, this workshop

will address system navigation and integration towards collaborative or taskforce building.

### **Taking the Profit out of Crime: Using Asset Forfeiture to Compensate Victims and Dismantle Criminal Enterprises**

The Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) oversees the DOJ's victim compensation program, which provides compensation to victims of federal crimes in which assets are forfeited. This workshop will educate service providers on federal forfeiture law and how to work with the federal government to assist in obtaining compensation for victims of federal crimes. The presenters will discuss case studies of victim compensation cases in which the U.S. Attorney's Offices and the DOJ's victim compensation program enhanced the lives of victims and/or helped reduce further victimization in their community. It will also discuss how the program assists vulnerable populations and removes the instrumentalities of crime from criminal organizations.

### **Technology and Domestic Violence**

In this interactive workshop, participants will consider the intersection between technology and domestic violence to gain an understanding of how technology can be used as a medium to endanger survivors of domestic violence. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of technology as it relates to privacy on the internet. Methods and devices used for surveillance and information regarding safety planning around technology use will be discussed.

### **The Case Against Anger**

As any individual victim of a crime traverses the criminal justice system, his or her experience is often replete with complicated and, at times, conflicting emotions. Anger is a natural response to the events experienced by many victims and by individuals assisting victims dealing with the criminal justice system. In this presentation, Dr. Cecchet and Dr. Ramsdell will explore the nature of anger and the experience of anger in victims and victim advocates. Of particular importance is how anger can derail a victim's sense of procedural justice, how it can lead to negative long-term emotional outcomes for victims, and what can be done to combat the negative outcomes associated with a natural human reaction to victimization. The information will be presented in a theoretical, case-based, format utilizing audio quotes from interviews with actual victims of crime.

## **The Importance of Connection: Facilitating and Embracing a Partnership Between Colleges and Rape Crisis Centers**

Enough is Enough, Article 129-B, is a progressive New York State-based legislation intended to prevent and address sexual violence on college campuses. One of the provisions of this bill, a necessary partnership between colleges and rape crisis centers, facilitated the ability for campuses to receive the assistance, education, and outreach from a victim advocate dedicated to help campus communities. Through continuous prevention, including an evidence-informed curriculum and response work, victim advocates should be able to foster a healthy school environment for all students, faculty, and staff. This workshop will highlight the benefits of a partnership between rape crisis centers and colleges, and various ways to engage campus communities to ensure the sustainability of prevention and response practices.

## **The Ones We've Been Waiting For: Engaging Youth**

Engaging young people is the missing link in teen victim outreach and services. This workshop will provide an overview of youth development, share insight on how victimization and exposure to violence impact development, and highlight strategies for victim advocates and other adults to engage youth victims and survivors in their own healing and resilience-building. Participants will have opportunities to apply new knowledge in hands-on exercises and scenarios to practice how to reach teen victims of crime and how to engage them as allies and agents of change on issues that affect them most.

## **The Story of S.H. and A.G.: A Collaborative Approach to Obtaining Justice and Compensation for Survivors of Human Trafficking**

-S.H. and A.G. were 13 and 15 years old respectively when they were sexually exploited and trafficked through a popular strip club in Beaverton, Oregon, by unrelated traffickers. This presentation will discuss the collaborative efforts of S.H. and A.G., law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys, the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, and civil attorneys that resulted in the arrest and prosecution of the traffickers, bankruptcy and closure of the strip club, and awards of restitution, fines, and civil damages totaling approximately \$3.4 million in favor of S.H. and A.G. The presentation will discuss the benefits and unique challenges of private and public sector cooperation in simultaneous litigation of criminal, administrative, and civil actions, with an emphasis on protecting victims' rights and furthering the interests of survivors.

### **The Trauma-Informed Victim Interview**

Recently the West Valley City Police Department in Utah implemented a new protocol for sexual assault cases that incorporates the principles of neurobiology of trauma. A one-year study of the implementation of the protocol has found that prosecution rates have dramatically increased and that 98 percent of victims interviewed with the protocol felt respected and were able to tell their whole story easily and in detail. This fast-paced, interactive workshop focuses on the how-to's of doing a trauma-informed victim interview, including video clips from real sexual assault interviews. Discussions will highlight being victim-centered, suspect focused, and trauma-informed. This workshop will be focused on law enforcement

### **Tips, Tools, and Training: Elder Abuse Resources for Hotline Workers**

Presenters will provide resources, training ideas, and tips for providers who work on hotlines in order to provide the best possible services to older victims of crime.

### **To Sue or Not to Sue? Considerations in Joining the Perp**

One of the greatest strategy questions a lawyer for crime victims faces is the decision whether to add the perpetrator of a crime to a case against the institution that enabled the crime. In some states the defendant can add the perp, taking the decision out of your hands. Your strategy in the case may be influenced by your state's laws on apportionment of liability and/or whether the plaintiff is deemed to have brought claims against a party brought in by the defendant. In every case, you should consider in advance how the perpetrator's presence or absence may affect your plans for discovery and trial. You will also learn ethical and strategic considerations for communicating with or deposing the perpetrator.

### **To Sue or Not to Sue? Considerations in Joining the Perp**

We will discuss representing the shattered and aggrieved families in the case arising out of the Sandy Hook school shooting against Remington Arms Company, the maker and seller of the Bushmaster AR-15 used in the shooting.

### **#TransToo - New Data to Enhance an Inclusive Movement**

The #MeToo movement, Title IX roll-backs, and bathroom bills demonstrate radical change in the world. Presenters will share results of FORGE's 2018 research on transgender survivors, review the changing cultural landscape as it relates to transgender survivors, and preview the resources that are moving us forward. Participants will leave with concrete steps to better support transgender survivors in these changing and difficult times.

### **Tribal Resource Tool: Resources for Survivors of Crime and Abuse**

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest crime victimization rates in the nation and often have difficulty connecting with victim services, facing additional challenges such as navigating complex jurisdiction barriers and a dearth of culturally appropriate services, both on and off tribal lands. In 2016, OVC funded the National Center for Victims of Crime, the National Congress of American Indians, and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute to create a web-based tribal resource mapping tool that would link AI/AN victims/survivors of crime to tribal victim services throughout the country. This workshop will focus on the project team's journey in developing the tool and the preliminary findings on gaps in the victim service network for AI/AN.

### **Understanding Forfeiture by Wrong Doing in Domestic Violence Cases**

The sixth amendment in the United States Constitution guarantees someone accused of a crime the right to be confronted by the witness. Intimidation and threats can often result in a victim deciding not to participate in the prosecution of domestic violence cases. In this workshop, participants consider Forfeiture by Wrongdoing as a way to introduce victim statements when a survivor is absent from court as a result of intimidation tactics.

### **Untested Evidence and the Investigation of Cold Sexual Assault Cases**

In July 2015, USA Today reported that hundreds of thousands of sexual assault kits and associated evidence were being stored by law enforcement without ever being submitted for analysis. Each kit was seen as a missed opportunity for justice – another survivor failed by the system and another rapist free to re-perpetrate. This article followed 16 years of media coverage revealing that many cities faced the same problem. Faced with public outrage, communities developed various strategies in response. This workshop will help communities address the complex challenges associated with untested evidence in sexual assault cases. Presenters will highlight the need for resources to support the analysis of sexual assault kits and other evidence, as well as the investigation and prosecution of cases, both old and new.

### **Victims Behind Walls**

This workshop will provide an overview of how cross-sector partnerships can work together to create a paradigm shift for sexual assault survivors in detention.

BRIDGE (Building Refuge for Immigrant Detainees through Governance and Engagement) partners will share a model by which Immigration Detention Facilities, Advocates and government representatives work jointly to address the needs of victims behind walls.

BRIDGE partners will share a model that can be replicated within correctional, jail and immigration detention facilities. The workshop will explore contributing and influential factors such as cultural and social norms that contribute to a successful shift in the paradigm in providing needed services to detained and incarcerated survivors of sexual assault.

### **What's Happening with VOCA?**

With the large increases in VOCA assistance funds over the past few years, thousands of traditional and newly identified victim service programs now rely on financial support from the federal Crime Victims Fund through state Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding to serve millions of victims of all types of crimes every year. This workshop will explain how the Crime Victims Fund functions, the origin of the money and where it goes, and what the future might hold. The presenter will also discuss recent congressional proposals that could have important consequences for VOCA-funded programs.

### **Who is Counting and Helping the Cybercrime Victims?**

As internet use by criminals is now commonplace, this workshop will question the impact of cybercrime on victims and what is being done to address their cybersecurity needs. The Cybercrime Support Network has brought together federal, state, and local law enforcement and victim advocates to lead important research and discussions in this new victim space.

### **Why the Story Changes: The Neurobiology of Trauma and How to Improve Outcomes When Interacting with Traumatized Victims**

After the recognition of a phenomenon called critical incident amnesia, numerous research studies have validated the adverse effects that trauma, including sexual assault and domestic violence, have on the memory, mental, and physical health of victims who have experienced a traumatic event. These studies have revealed that brain functions and the processing of memories are altered by trauma, leading to inconsistencies in the recall of events and a decrease in the ability of the victim to participate in medical exams and investigations. These physiological and psychological changes lead to increased adverse outcomes and interpersonal engagement difficulties. An understanding of these processes and early intervention are paramount in reducing the negative impact of trauma and assisting

in the pursuit of justice. This workshop will discuss the many influences on the individual and possible interventions to decrease their effect after traumatic events. Through awareness and simple interviewing techniques, re-victimization will be minimized, interviews will be more productive, and victims can begin their journey to healing.

### **Working with Domestic Violence Victims in the Military (U.S. Navy/Marine Corps)**

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) has taken a proactive approach to identifying, reporting, and assisting victims of family violence. The goal is a multi-disciplinary approach that includes coordination with Fleet and Family Services' Family Advocacy Program, local law enforcement agencies, local prosecutors' offices, and the court systems that adjudicate the cases. NCIS has also developed a comprehensive consequence-based training model that is being used in presentations to military commands in an attempt to reduce the number of domestic violence incidents.

### **You've Been Scammed, Now What? How Victims Can Improve Their Chances of Collecting Money After Conviction**

This workshop will provide an overview of the restitution process, how the government collects money from a perpetrator of financial crime, and the steps victims can take to collect stolen funds from a convicted offender. The presenter will examine the strengths and weaknesses of the system, analyze the socioeconomic philosophies that are implicated in restitution policy (such as if certain victims should take priority over others), and discuss strategies for enhancing a convicted person's likelihood of paying.